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Dearest Mother &Daddy:

Well, as usual, no mail today. But some more good news made itself known today. The 31st Division was alerted for shipment back to the States today. So we will probably spend the next month getting ready to move out. As for me, I am ready now, and am not taking anything with me. I will leave all of my junk to the Filipinos. Right? I guess we will pull out of here about the later part of next month. Ten more ships came in today to take the Xth Corps to Japan. The harbor is full of ships now. It is really a lot of work for the men who have to load and unload the ships. They usually have a bunch of Flips to do the labor, and Americans do the winch work, that is, the mechanics.

I just went over and had a cup of coffee at the Red cross shack. They are slipping as they haven't had coke in about 5 days. I lost a doubles ping pong set, 2-3, and can't seem to hit that ball anymore. I have been in a slump for about 4 or 5 days. But I will pull out of it one of these days, just like a baseballplayer. Right?

I was sick all day yesterday, and took some medicine last night. I am feeling a lot better today, but had an earache, and had to put some oil in it, after getting it washed out. I will have it washed out again tomorrow afternoon. It is hot as the devil today, and looks like rain.

We had the 31st Division band down for a show last night, and they were wonderful. The trumpet player is from Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and knows Sid Miller. They used to play together. They sure had a good show, with some darn good novelty acts.

The boy that works with me is from Washington, and knows Veo well, and says he has worked with him. He is a nice fellow.

Nat has some job with the Division Investigation officer. The Filipinos come to him with all kind of troubles. Yesterday when I was in there a Flip came and asked him to get his wife back that a soldier had run off with his wife 2 weeks ago, and he wanted her back. He has problems like that to come up all of the time, and has to make the customer happy, or else. Right? I am glad he and I are going back to the States together, although I will probably be released before he will. We will see a lot of each other after the war.

That is all for now, so be good, and write soon.

Love,

Harold